

# ITALIANS FALL BACK BEFORE AUSTRIANS

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The great offensive of the Austrians against the Italians in southern Tyrol continues unabated and at several points the Austrians seem to be gradually throwing back the Italians toward their own country. Southern Tyrol, on the Lavarone plateau, Vienna says the Italians have been defeated from all their positions. The Austrians have captured Fima, Madriolo and the height immediately west of the frontier from the summit as far as the Asiatic (Astico) valley.

The Austrians for their offensive, according to Rome advices, have been heavily reinforced in men and guns. Since the beginning of the offensive, Vienna asserts, over 24,000 men have been made prisoners and 172 cannon have been captured by the Austrians.

In the region of Verdun both the French and Germans claim successes for their arms at various points. An interesting point in the latest French official communication is the statement that the French have penetrated Fort Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, which the Germans stormed and captured Feb. 25, four days after the commencement of the assault on Verdun, and from which all attempts to drive them out have failed. The Germans, however, still hold the northern part of Fort Douaumont. A violent attack also has netted the French-German positions on a front of about a mile and a quarter east of the village of Douaumont. To the northwest of Verdun the French have forced out the Germans from positions south of Hill 287 and west of Le Mort Homme.

Berlin, on the other hand, says the Germans northwest of Verdun stormed the eastern spur of Hill 304 and held them against repeated counter-attacks. In this fighting the French are declared to have lost heavily in killed and wounded. A German report made in the Berlin report of the capture by the French of a quarry south of Haudmont, northeast of Verdun, says that the British have taken trenches from them over a front of about a mile and a quarter. The British in Gohelle and in counter-attacks to regain them, according to Berlin.

The situation generally on the Russian front remains unchanged.

The British operating against the Turks in Mesopotamia are drawing nearer Kut-el-Amara, where a large number of their officers and men who recently surrendered are still being held captive. The British, who have been reinforced by Russian cavalry, have now reached the region immediately south of the Tigris and the intervening territory between them and their objective, a great Turkish city, is being fought for. The British are now at the junction of the Shatt el Hai and Tigris rivers.

# PREJUDICE OF FARMERS AGAINST FEMALE LABOR

Disapproved by British Financial Secretary of Treasury.

London, May 22, 1916. p. m.—Francis Vandrye, financial secretary of the treasury, speaking in the house of commons on the agricultural situation today, made a somewhat disturbing statement. It was imperative, Mr. Vandrye said, that farmers should drop their prejudice against the employment of female labor. A broad down in home supplies was available only if the labor situation did not grow worse. The danger point of greatly decreased production already had been reached, and even as things were going it was now feared that England could not hope to make her production on last year's level. If more men were sent into the army from the home front, the production of foodstuffs in ships which are so urgently needed for the transport of munitions.

"And," Mr. Vandrye concluded, "we are unable to say whether there will be ships to divert that way."

# WOMEN'S CLUBS OF AMERICA

20,000 Delegates, Alternates and Visitors Expected in New York.

New York, May 22.—A majority of the twenty thousand delegates, alternates and visitors who are expected to attend the thirteenth biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America, which opens tomorrow at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, are expected to arrive in New York tonight. They represent more than 2,500,000 club women from every state and territory, and from the Philippines, Cuba and Porto Rico.

Boy Scouts assisted the reception committees and conducted the visitors to hotel and rooming houses. Special reception committees met the 500 or more husbands who accompanied their wives.

The vast influx of women is felt throughout the city. Hotel accommodations are impossible to obtain and hundreds of delegates are being quartered in boarding and rooming houses.

# NOT MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT FOR PREPAREDNESS

Sunday Manoeuvres of N. Y. City Guardsmen Results in Summation.

New York, May 22.—Declaring that the "slight sham" which ended Sunday's manoeuvres of the New York city national guard at Sheepshead Bay violated the training of the guard, the Kings County Sunday Observance association today began court proceedings in the Onsey Island court against those directing the military manoeuvres. The association obtained seven summonses against officials and employees of the Sheepshead Bay association. The association will also proceed, it was said, against Major General O'Ryan, head of the state militia, holding that his order barring the firing of guns during the manoeuvres did not excuse him from blame. The association contended that the very presence of the militia at the Sheepshead Bay manoeuvres was a violation of the law.

# Cabled Paragraphs

## Kaiser to Visit Austro-Italian Front.

Paris, May 22, 6.30 p. m.—The German emperor, according to a Geneva despatch to the Temps, is soon to pay a visit to the Austro-Italian front.

# 1,500 DEER REPORTED KILLED IN THE STATE.

But Supt. Crampton Believes This Represents Only One-third Actual Number.

# DAUGHTER PANKHURST IS NOW IN MELBOURNE

Has Figured in a "No Conscription" Disturbance There.

Melbourne, Australia, May 22.—Adele Pankhurst, daughter of the English suffragette leader, has figured in another "no conscription" disturbance in Melbourne during which she and other anti-conscription women speakers were struck in the face by stones thrown by soldiers and others. The anti-conscriptionists held their demonstration on the banks of the Yarra river on a Sunday afternoon, under the auspices of the socialist society, and the meeting attracted a crowd of about 3,000 persons, including some 150 soldiers. The latter set up a counter-demonstration after the speakers had been driven from the place. The soldiers mounted an improvised platform about ten yards from where Pankhurst was speaking, and a corporal of the Australian Expeditionary Forces pleaded in strong language to the crowd to cease listening "to the ranting of a woman." The corporal's speech was greeted with cheers by his comrades, and a resolution in favor of conscription was passed by the troops. The soldiers were driven from the place.

# DISTRIBUTION OF MARINES IN SANTO DOMINGO

Policing System Similar to That in Force in Haiti.

# ILLNESS OF JAMES J. HILL IS CAUSING CONCERN

Reports That Complications Have Developed Since Last Wednesday.

# SHOT WEALTHY FARMER IN PRESENCE OF HIS WIFE.

Mrs. Ida Ruby Stephens of Lela, Kas., Said He Had Ruined Her Life.

# OFFERING A SPURIOUS HEIR TO \$200,000 ESTATE

Is Charge Against Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Matters of Chicago.

# TEXAS AND PACIFIC TRAIN HELD UP IN LOUISIANA

Mail and Express Cars Are Said to Have Been Robbed.

# MOVEMENTS OF STEAMSHIPS

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# 1,900 FOR 3 SUNDAYS

Arion Singing Society Has Been in Existence 36 Years and Had Planned to Give a Concert—Mayor Rice Had Been Invited and Had Asked His Secretary to Represent Him.

# NEW HAVEN, CONN., MAY 22.—There was a great throng at city court today for the very first time since the raid by the police yesterday after a call at the rooms of the Arion Singing society. There were 62 arrests made in this one raid.

# Gets \$620 in Fees.

It is said that Liquor Prosecutor Dicker, whose enforcement of the excise laws by means of search warrants given to state police officers recently caused a controversy between Mayor Rice, the prosecutor, Senator Leibel and others, was paid \$620 for his services for the raid.

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# Mexico in Sad Economic Plight

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# WASHINGTON, MAY 22.—The economic situation in Mexico is extremely grave, according to Mexican advices today to the state department. With the monetary problem already acute, the food shortage in Mexico City and other large cities is becoming a matter of immediate relief, and the labor strike extending over virtually all the Mexican railway lines, the de facto government is pictures as facing a serious domestic plight.

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# Condensed Telegrams

Gen. Funston Has Asked for more Coast Artillery troops.

Emperor William returned to Berlin from the front.

Gov. Whitman of New York vetoed the bill proposing a state board of picture censors.

England's "daylight-saving" plan was put into effect, all clocks being set one hour ahead.

Twelve warships will be sent to Santo Domingo to assist in quelling the revolution there.

Bringing 557 passengers, the steamship St. Louis of the American Line arrived at New York from Liverpool.

France is reported to have recalled the French minister to Rumania and the military attaché at the legation.

James R. Severance, aged 70, treasurer of Oberlin college at Oberlin, O., since 1894, died suddenly at that place yesterday.

The number of British fishing vessels destroyed since the beginning of the war by Great Britain's enemies is given as 578.

Longshoremen employed by the Morgan Steamship Lines were ordered to work, the strike having been broken by the company.

Between 15 and 20 persons were killed and many injured when a tornado wiped out the town of Kemp in Bryan County, Okla.

Portugal has offered to Italy the use of the German vessels recently seized in Portuguese ports. Great Britain has sanctioned the plan.

The third Harvard surgical unit, consisting of 57 nurses and surgeons, sailed from New York for England on the Cunard liner Andania.

Another \$2,000,000 in Canadian gold bars from Toronto was deposited at the New York city office to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The battleships Florida and New Hampshire and the U. S. Transport Kilpatrick left New York to engage in practice manoeuvres at sea.

Taxicab companies, the supreme court held yesterday, are engaged in such public utility service as to be subject to public regulation.

A French torpedo-boat destroyer arrived at New York from the coast of the crew of the Greek vessel Cosmo, sunk by an Austrian submarine.

Unfounded rumors that Mayor Mitchell had been shot were widely circulated in New York. The Mayor spent the week-end at Goshen, N. Y.

Alabama Republicans met at Birmingham, criticized the Wilson Administration and elected a delegation to the Chicago convention.

Gov. Fielder of New Jersey has relinquished to Attorney-General Westcott the honor of nominating President Wilson at the St. Louis convention.

Following his refusal to marry him, Harry E. Toker, manager of a hotel at Cincinnati, shot and killed Mrs. Nanette S. Beatty, widow of the Rev. Sherard Beatty.

Pensions will cost the American people \$400,000 less this year than last, under the annual bill which is reported by the Appropriations Committee of congress.

On an outdoor "stage" of 400 acres, in which 5,000 actors participated, Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" was presented at Los Angeles, Cal., to an audience of 40,000.

The Mexican states of Hidalgo, Guanajuato and Zacatecas have secured \$66,000,000 in gold to the National Treasury for exchange into the new national currency.

Vincent Arriv at Marblehead, Mass., to witness the trials of a new hydro-aeroplane, which he is to present to the Second Battalion, New York Naval Militia.

Ernest L. Edmonds, a telegraph operator of Washington, jumped from a window on the 11th floor of the New Hampshire building in Washington and was instantly killed.

Frances Levanovsky, a maid employed by William Reiter in his cottage at Coney Island, was found dead there with three bullet wounds. The police think she was murdered.

Dr. Enrique Henriquez, former minister of foreign affairs, left San Domingo, Haiti, for New York. He asked that American armed forces be withdrawn from the Republic.

Dr. Freeman S. O'Brien, who appeared before Poughkeepsie, N. Y., two days before his wedding day, has been located in New York. Injury to his head had affected his memory.

George Johnson, a young sailor from the flagship Wyoming, was shot in the head when he tried to escape from Patrolman Walter E. Rose, who had arrested him for disorderly conduct.

Midshipman S. R. Fairland, Jr., of Annapolis, has won the first prize of \$100 offered by the Mohonk International Peace Conference for the best essay on "International Arbitration."

Albert Batt, a plumber and his wife and mother were drowned in the Buffalo River at Buffalo when their automobile backed off the ferryboat. Welcome while crossing from Fort Erie, Ont.

The class of 1906 of Yale, of which Thomas H. Shevlin, one of the college's greatest athletes, was a member, held a memorial service for the dormitory on a track house at the field.

Heartbroken because she was about to be separated from her husband, who had just been married, Miss Helen E. Farron of Rochester, died there immediately after watching her sister's wedding.

A report from Copenhagen says that Baron von Schorff, Prussian Minister of Agriculture, has been relieved of his post, being succeeded by Herr Hoeh, a Conservative member of the Reichstag.

Funeral services for Sgt. Harry Furman of the machine gun company of the 3rd Infantry, killed last Thursday by a Mexican border guard, were held at El Paso, Tex., and the body shipped to New York.

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